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Re Docket No. 98N - 1038 Irradiated Foods

The present industry and government support and promotion to irradiate the nation's food supply in the name of a "health measure" is a most misleading, insidious and irresponsible assault on the health of American citizens. As a regulatory agency responsible for screening out detrimental processes, **the FDA has the responsibility to protect the public by outlawing this devastating technology.** Citizens have a right to be able to protect their health and will no longer tolerate pseudo-science, ("information spin" - PR - Predictable Rhetoric), but are demanding scientific integrity - which is obviously so totally absent with everything surrounding the irradiation issue.

The scientific evidence that high ionizing radiation generates very **toxic free radicals in the irradiated food, especially in meats and fats, has been well established since the 1960's.** Industry's "captive experts" do not alter the true facts by simply 'proclaiming' irradiation "safe"!

It remains an undisputed fact that **when animals are fed only irradiated food, ALL of them suffer severe degenerative disease and die.** This means unequivocally **that irradiated food is not capable of promoting or sustaining health,** and that it is really very health-destructive for everyone who consumes it, the damage being directly proportional to the amount consumed.

The notion that a little poison in food is okay is not acceptable. **No one has the right to pedal "just a little poison".** It is doubly unforgivable to do so "in the name of protecting health".

Citizens have a right to be able to identify and reject dangerous technologies and products. Therefore irradiated foods and irradiated food ingredients **MUST BE CLEARLY LABELED.** Citizens have a right not to be misled through obfuscation and false and misleading labeling. Suggesting that ionizing radiation can be hidden under the innocuous label of "**COLD PASTEURIZATION**" is the epitome of deception and scientific fraud.

A nation in which the population consumes large amounts of irradiated foods **will experience an explosion of impaired health and disease that defies the imagination** - and the budget!

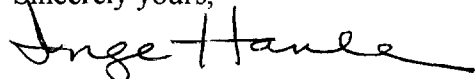
The mandate of the FDA is "to protect the health of citizens". It's primary responsibility is not promoting the viability of the atomic energy industry, which is an environmental and health time-bomb of disaster. To all who have eyes, the FDA has allowed itself to become, not a safety screen, but the sanctioning and implementation arm of the agenda of the huge financial, industrial, military, chemical, pharmaceutical complex.! Its policies defy common sense and responsibility.

The IRRADIATION PROCESS must never be allowed, and definitely not camouflaged under the totally misleading label of "COLD PASTEURIZATION"!

Food, for either animal or human consumption, must never be subjected to high doses of ionizing radiation. The problematic consequences of such policies are immeasurable!

Citizens demand as an absolute essential that regulators exercise REAL responsibility.

Sincerely yours,



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Citizens for Scientific Integrity

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